

# COOK MADE FALSE LOCATIONS

## Copenhagen Experts Decide Against Claim to North Pole

### ADMINISTRATION BEHIND TAFT IN INVESTIGATION

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Any doubt that the whole force of the Taft administration is behind the investigation demanded by both factions in the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was dispelled by events in and out of congress today. There is now no question but that the president himself is eager for a merciless probing into the matter—as eager as he has hitherto been reluctant to admit the necessity of it. Men in a position to know the sentiments of Taft declared tonight that he has become convinced that there lies behind the attack on Ballinger a more or less organized movement to discredit the Taft administration, especially by spreading the impression that the so-called "Roosevelt policies" are in unfriendly hands; that Ballinger is made a target only on the theory that he affords the most vulnerable point in the administration.

The first step paving the way for congressional investigation was taken when the senate adopted Flint's resolution directing the attorney general to send to the senate all the papers in his possession relative to the case. These are the records upon which the president based his exoneration of the secretary of the interior.

FIND FLAWS IN HIS LOCATION NOTICES AND SAY THAT PROPER BOUNDARY LINES WERE NOT DESCRIBED CORRECTLY.

### EXPERTS TAKE THE STAND IN THE SHERIDAN CASE

Special to the Bonanza  
GOLDFIELD, Dec. 21.—At the end of today's session of the Sheridan trial, the defense had Dr. Gibson, of the state insane asylum at Reno, on the stand testifying in favor of the defendant. During the day the state finished in rebuttal and the taking of expert testimony started. Dr. Gibson will resume in rebuttal and it is now thought that the case will not go to the jury before Thursday night.

### CARROLL AND BENNETT IN TEN ROUND DRAW

By Associated Press  
PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Jimmy Carroll of San Francisco and Joe Bennett of Oakland, bantamweights, fought ten rounds to a draw before the Rose City Athletic club tonight.

### Is Branded as a Wildcat Promoter Who Derived Large Sum From Lecture Platform and Sale of Narratives.

By Associated Press  
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—The special committee of scientists appointed by the University of Copenhagen to investigate Dr. Cook's claims that he had discovered the North Pole, was submitted to the consistency of the university this morning, was indorsed by that body, and then given to the public. The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the American explorer's title to such discovery, and fills the officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world. The public was prepared for a verdict of "Not proven," but did not expect its hero to be branded as an impostor. Explorers and scientists have almost entirely lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his warmest supporters, Knud Rasmussen, helped to frame the report.

The evening papers attack Cook, and severely reproach him for hiding, which they regard as a sign of a guilty conscience. Although the university has taken no action toward cancelling the degree conferred upon Cook, it is believed that it will be withdrawn in the same way that a government could deprive a person of an order obtained under false pretenses. Commodore Gustav Holm, an Arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said that Cook's claim that he had made an observation at 89 degrees, 59 minutes and 46 seconds near the pole, proved immediately that he was a bad observer, but nothing indicated that he was a swindler. "Now," said Holm, "his

own papers convict him of being a swindler. We examined Cook's observations first, and agreed unanimously that they were worthless." Loose's observations were not used in the papers Cook submitted to the university.

Professor Olufsen, secretary of the Danish Geographical society, said: "It is the saddest event of my life. As an explorer there appears to be little doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable." Knud Rasmussen in an interview said: "The university would not call me at first, because I was one of Cook's strongest supporters, but later, when I saw the observations, I realized that it was a scandal. The papers which Cook sent to the university were most impudent. Any schoolboy could make such calculations. It was a most childish attempt at cheating."

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Honored by the king of Denmark, heralded by the University of Copenhagen, garlanded with wreaths of roses by young girls, accorded the freedom of the city of New York, and acclaimed by thousands as the bravest man who ever dared the silent terrors of the north, Cook stands tonight discredited in the house of his friends. Not a word has been received from him and his present whereabouts are a mystery. Henry Walling Wach, Cook's lawyer, when asked tonight what he thought Dr. Cook made from the sale of his narrative to newspapers in this country and abroad, and from his lectures, declared that he believed it to be more than \$80,000.

### FIRE CAUSES PANIC IN ASYLUM FOR INSANE

By Associated Press  
JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Dec. 21.—Fire at the central hospital for the insane tonight destroyed the north wing of the institution, and threatened the destruction of other portions for hours, and for a time there was anxiety among the officials in preventing a panic and the escape of patients. It is believed that a few inmates are at large. A number of firemen were injured during the progress of the blaze, and it is also reported that a number of patients perished in the attic, where they climbed after being released from their cells.

### WOLGAST GETS DECISION OVER FRANK PICATO

By Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Ad Wolgast was given the decision over Frank Picato in a ten round contest here tonight.

## JOSE MADRIZ INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA

In the Meantime the Attitude of America Toward the Central American Republic Will Not be Changed.

By Associated Press  
MANAGUA, Dec. 21.—Jose Madriz was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua today. The ceremony was held at the palace instead of the parliament building. Ex-President Zelaya was present and made a brief speech, in which he entreated Nicaraguans to rally to the support of Madriz.

In accepting the office Madriz made an address, and said: "I assumed the presidency unmoved by personal ambition, but in the spirit of a good son going to the rescue of his beloved mother, harassed and imperiled. I ask the assistance of all true patriots to restore peace and prosperity. On returning to the hotel, Madriz read a decree from the balcony, announcing political amnesty and ordering the release of prisoners from the penitentiary. Minister Irias attempted to speak but was

cried down after futile efforts had been made to quell the demonstration. In riots at Granada, Rudolph Downing, an American born in Granada, was arrested. The American consul filed a protest at once.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Knox let it be known today that the attitude of the American government toward Nicaragua will not be changed by the election of Madriz to the presidency as the successor of Zelaya, resigned. Madriz will have to show that he is capable of directing the government, and that he is prepared to make reparation for the wrongs claimed to have been done to Americans. This country still maintains, until a responsible government is set up and is in control of the situation so that definite negotiations can be held, that diplomatic relations cannot be resumed.

## ZELAYAN TROOPS ROUTED BY THE REVOLUTIONISTS

Forces Under General Estrada Win Decisive Battle After Several Hours of Hard Fighting.

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Zelaya's troops were routed by the Nicaraguan revolutionists today in a fierce battle at Rama lasting several hours, according to advices received here. General Estrada is reported to have been successful all along the line. Advices declare the battle will be renewed tomorrow, when Estrada's army will bend all its energies to compel the unconditional surrender of the government forces.

The first announcement of the success of General Estrada came in a cablegram to Dr. Castillio from Diaz, secretary of state of the provisional government. The cablegram said: "Complete victory ours. Zelaya's troops in retreat."

In Central American diplomatic circles the word received of the victory of Estrada brought unfeigned joy, and there was a general celebration tonight. Diplomats predict that this, the first victory, is the beginning of the end of Zelayaism, and that the next step will be the forced retirement of President Mad-

riz, on the ground that he is simply a tool of Zelaya, and not the choice of the country.

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 21.—The revolutionists, under General Estrada, completely routed the Zelayan forces near Rama, today. Estrada captured Reereo, Vasquez's strongest position, and has been victorious all along the line, which stretches for eight miles.

The casualties on the government side are high, the greatest execution being done at Reereo, which the revolutionists took by assault.

Among those in the revolutionary ranks were Captain Godfrey Fowler, formerly in the 33rd infantry, U. S. A., who was in command of the firing line. Tatumbia was captured this afternoon by General Mena, after a bloody fight. A large number of prisoners were captured by Estrada's forces.

Word reached here today that Zelaya is determined to retain the position of commander-in-chief of the army.

Judge Averill ordered a night session, and at 8 o'clock Attorney Morris started on the opening address for the state. He was followed by Judge J. A. Saunders for the defendant. District Attorney Cleve H. Baker made the closing argument, and about midnight the case was submitted to the jury, with the result as above stated. It is now probable that the case against Cap Belmont, who was indicted on the same charge, will be dismissed.

This is another case of the late grand jury in bringing in indictments when there is no evidence to convict. This case has cost the taxpayers a good sum. Again the Bonanza says, the grand jury system is a farce. The last two grand juries of Nye county have cost the taxpayers an enormous sum of money. Someone is to blame.

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### STATE TROOPS USED TO AVERT A RACE WAR

By Associated Press  
MAGNOLIA, Ala., Dec. 21.—With state troops and armed deputies patrolling the streets and public roads leading into Magnolia, and 33 of the negro ringleaders held in improvised stockades, it is believed the threatened race war will be averted. The excitement is not entirely allayed, and every white man's house for several miles around is guarded against threatened revengeful acts on the part of negroes, who resent the burning of Clint Montgomery yesterday, one of the four desperadoes charged with the killing of Algernon Lewis. It is reported that negroes are planning to attack the town tonight, burn the homes and murder every white man they find.

### HARVARD WILL EXTEND ATHLETIC MEMBERSHIP

By Associated Press  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21.—Application for membership of the Intercollegiate Athletic association of the United States will be made by Harvard at the next annual convention of the association, in New York, Dec. 28.

### EXTRADITION GRANTED FOR BROWN TO ARIZONA

By Associated Press  
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—Extradition was granted by the governor today on a requisition from Arizona for Fisher Brown, wanted for an alleged attack with a knife upon W. W. Thless at Ash Fork, Ariz. Brown is under arrest at San Bernardino.

### CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED UNTIL JANUARY FOURTH

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congress has adjourned until January 4. Important steps were taken toward a congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. A resolution by Flint, calling for all the papers bearing upon the case, was adopted. Jones read a letter from Ballinger practically demanding an inquiry, which he said he courted, and also expressed the belief that any inquiry should be broad enough to cover the "pernicious activity of officials" in the forestry service, as well as the alleged basis of any charges against the administration of the interior department. The house was in session ten minutes.

### HUNTINGTON PARK BEATS GAS AND PARK PLANS

By Associated Press  
HUNTINGTON, Cal., Dec. 21.—Both bond propositions were defeated at the election held here yesterday. The gas bonds were defeated by a vote of 130 against 69, and the park bonds by a vote of 130 to 53.

### COLBURN ACQUITTED OF CHARGES BY WIFE

By Associated Press  
OAKLAND, Dec. 21.—C. P. Colburn, traveling auditor for the Pacific States Gas company, was acquitted today of a charge of failure to provide, placed against him by Mary Colburn, his wife. It was shown that at the time of his arrest Colburn was providing amply for his family.

### CRITTENTON MISSIONS ASK FOR ENDOWMENT

By Associated Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A million dollar endowment fund for the support of the Florence Crittenton missions throughout the United States will be raised as a memorial to their founder, the late Charles Nelson Crittenton.

The money will be collected largely through dollar gifts from friends of the missions. Life members will be asked to subscribe \$100 each. The missions were founded by Mr. Crittenton for the rescue of fallen women.

### RIVER AND HARBOR BILL TO BE READY FEB. 1

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—"We will report a general river and harbor bill about the first of February," said Chairman Alexander of the house committee on rivers and harbors today.

### DRUG STORE BANDIT'S IDENTITY IS DOUBTFUL

By Associated Press  
SAN JOSE, Dec. 21.—The positive identification of the remains of Walter R. Carroll as those of the "drug store" bandit, is still doubtful, although Dr. Gleason, who was twice held up by the man, viewed the remains today, along with several others who have seen the much wanted bandit.

### DR. COOK NOT ABOARD STEAMSHIP CARMANIA

By Associated Press  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Advices from Queenstown and Liverpool state that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, was not a passenger on the steamer Carmania, which arrived at the latter port today.